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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 708

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mr. Mark Workman,
on his selection as Hamblen County's Teacher
of the Year for Grades 9-12.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mark Workman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Workman has recently been selected Teacher of the Year for Grades 9-12 by the Hamblen County Board of Education, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher at West High School as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Mark Workman received his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a 28-year veteran of the classroom, Mr. Workman serves with acumen and alacrity teaching Tenth Grade English and Seniors Advanced Placement English at West High School; and

WHEREAS, Mark Workman is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Workman truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his unswerving commitment to education is not limited to the classroom, as Mr. Workman has served as a valuable member of West High School's Southern Association Evaluation Team and School Improvement Committee and the National Council of Teachers of English; he has also served as the Coordinator of West High School's English Gateway Curriculum Alignment Project and as a Judge for the Tennessee *Literary Arts* magazine since 1974; and

WHEREAS, his ambition to mold socially responsible students led Mr. Workman to sponsor a chapter of the State Beta Club at West High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Workman is an integral part of his community and has served it in numerous capacities; during his exemplary tenure on the Board of Directors of the Rose Center, he worked with the Children's Committee and directed two seasons with the Summer Players; and

WHEREAS, he has also served as Director of the Orchestra for the Annual Spring Musicals for the past four years and worked with a group of actors from Walters State to raise \$5,000 for the Hamblen County Senior Citizen Center by performing a well-known play; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and devout member of the Manley Baptist Church, serving as Drama Coordinator and as the teacher of an Adult Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, he truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Mark Workman on being chosen as Hamblen County's Teacher of the Year for Grades 9-12, commend his exceptional service to his students at West High School and the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.